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a set of brushes <u>having a backplate and brush bristles</u>, <u>said set of brushes</u> residing in said recessed groove, protruding out from said main body member and extending past [the] <u>a</u> gap for preventing an object from being entrapped in the gap; and

said brush bristles having a length being increased up to a desired length for covering the gap, as seen along said back plate.

Cancel claim 2.

Claim 3, line 2, change "claim 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 2, change "claim 2" to --claim 1--.

Cancel claim 5.



Claim (amended). [The passenger conveyor safety apparatus according to claim 1, including] In an escalator or a moving sidewalk having a skirt panel and, a step or a walk path, defining a gap between the skirt panel and the step or the walk path, a passenger conveyor safety apparatus comprising:



a main body member having a recessed groove formed therein;

a set of brushes residing in said recessed groove,

protruding out from said main body member and extending

past the gap for preventing an object from being entrapped

in the gap; and

a set of hinged locking members connected at both ends of said recessed groove on said main body member for locking and releasing said set of brushes in said recessed groove.

Claim (amended). [The passenger conveyor safety apparatus according to claim 1, including] In an escalator or a moving sidewalk having a skirt panel and, a step or a walk path, defining a gap between the skirt panel and the step or the walk path, a passenger conveyor safety apparatus comprising:

a main body member having a recessed groove formed therein;

a set of brushes residing in said recessed groove,

protruding out from said main body member and extending

past the gap for preventing an object from being entrapped

in the gap; and

